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In the matter of,) Docket No. 10-BAP-01
Preparation of the 2011 Bioenergy Action Plan) NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING) RE: 2011 Bioenergy Action Plan
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Notice to Consider Adoption of the 2011 Bioenergy Action Plan

The California Energy Commission will hold a Business Meeting on:

March 23, 2011
Beginning at 10 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

As part of the March 23, 2011 Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adoption of the *2011 Bioenergy Action Plan*. Details on how to participate in the Business Meeting will be available in the Energy Commission's March 23 Business Meeting Agenda located on-line at www.energy.ca.gov/business-meetings/index.html.

Purpose

In the 2009 Integrated Energy Policy Report, the California Energy Commission recommended updating the 2006 Bioenergy Action Plan to address continuing challenges to the development and deployment of bioenergy in California. The 2011 Bioenergy Action Plan is an update of the 2006 Plan.

The 2011 Bioenergy Action Plan was prepared in consultation with a group of state agencies identified as the Bioenergy Interagency Working Group, and with technical assistance from the California Biomass Collaborative. The 2011 Bioenergy Action Plan identifies challenges to the development of facilities that generate electricity or produce fuel from biomass and identifies actions that state agencies will take to address those challenges.

Background

California's first *Bioenergy Action Plan* was published in 2006 to implement Executive Order S-06-06. That order set goals for the production and use of electricity and fuels made from biomass, including plant and animal residues from farms, forests, and urban areas as well as crops grown specifically for energy production. The Energy Commission's 2009 progress report on implementation of the *2006 Bioenergy Action Plan* cautioned that, "progress towards meeting California's ambitious bioenergy goals has been slow, and in some cases, the state is losing ground." It further advised that "[w]ithout major initiatives to make legislative and regulatory changes, and (without) state and federal financial incentives and policies that recognize the benefits of using 'waste' material for energy, California will far short of the goals outlined...in Executive Order S-06-06...."

Public Participation

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